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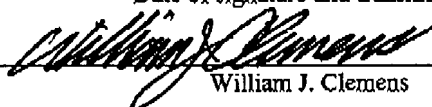
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Serial No.: 10/677,989	)	Examiner: E. Pico
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For: DOOR WITH SLIDING DOOR LEAF	)	Confirmation No.: 9067
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**PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

Honorable Sir:


Review of the above-identified application is requested for the following reasons:

1. The Examiner rejected Claims 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Steele U.S. Patent No. 3255807. The Examiner stated that Steel discloses a door comprising a door leaf 22 having an edge surface extending in a plane and guide elements 50, 52 extending generally perpendicular to the plane of the edge surface, and a guide surface 38 extending in a plane generally perpendicular to the plane of the edge surface. (Final Office Action, Page 2, Paragraph 3)
2. The Examiner failed to identify the edge surface of the Steele door leaf 22 to which he refers. However, Applicant's position is that the guide elements 50, 52 and the plane of the guide surface 38 extend parallel to all of the edge surfaces of the door leaf 22. See Applicant's Amendment filed December 22, 2006 at page 9.

3. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steele in view of McAulay Jr. U.S. Patent No. 3523390. The Examiner stated that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the movable belt disclosed by Steele for contact with a generally vertical guide surface as taught by McAulay Jr. and mount the guide elements disclosed by Steele generally parallel to a vertical plane of the guide surface as taught by McAulay Jr. to facilitate the movement and guidance of the sliding door.

4. The Examiner failed to explain why one of ordinary skill in the art, when faced with a vertical guide surface, would be motivated to select the Steele door, remove the extruded trim 54 from the door, and rotate the track member 40 90°. The Steele door 20 carries its own track member so that it does not require specially constructed guideways in the threshold. Col. 1, Lines 22-27. Thus, Steele teaches away from the elevator door construction of McAulay Jr. that has an elongated groove 20 formed in the door sill 17. See Applicant's Amendment filed December 22, 2006 at pages 8- 9.

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